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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 6868

DEPARTMENT PASS OAU COLLECTIVE ADDRESSEES

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, ET, SO, NI, OAU
SUBJECT: LAGOS VISIT OF SOMALI EMISSARY

1. ON MAY 30 LT. GEN OBASANJO RECIEVED MR.
AHMED MOHAMOUD, CHAIRMAN OF THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOMALI
REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST PARTY.

2. SOMALI AMBASSADOR GARAD TOLD CHARGE JUNE 1 THAT
THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE VISIT HAD BEEN TO KEEP
THE NIGERIANS INFORMED REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE
OGADEN ISSUE. GARAD THOUGHT THAT THE FMG STILL EXPECTS
TO SEND SOMEONE, PROBABLY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER
GARBA, TO BOTH MOGADISCIO AND ADDIS ABABA SOON IN
PURSUANCE OF ITS MEDIATION RESPONSIBILITIES. HE
BELIEVED THE TRIP MIGHT OCCUR SOMETIME THIS MONTH
BUT IN ANY CASE BEFORE THE OAU SUMMIT IN
KHARTOUM IN JULY. GARAD BELIEVES THE FMG WILL THEN
CALL FOR A MEETING OF THE OAU GOOD OFFICE SCOMMITTEE
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IF IT SEES ANY HOPE AT ALL THAT SUCH A MEETING
COULD ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING. OTHERWISE THE FMG
WILL SIMPLY REPORT THE DISMAL OUTLOOK TO THE OAU SUMMIT.
GARAD COMMENTED WRYLY THAT WHETHER THE ETHIOPIANS
WOULD BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING WITH
SOMALIA OR WITH THE GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE WOULD
DEPEND ON THE SOVIETS.

3. GARAD MADE THE INTERESTING COMMENT THAT THE NIGERIANS, WHO HITHERTO HAVE SEEMED QUITE UNCONCERNED ABOUT CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN ETHIOPIA, HAVE LATELY BEGUN TO SHOW SOME AWARENESS OF THE DANGEROUS IMPLICATIONS OF THE CUBAN ROLE IN AFRICA. GARAD ATTRIBUTED THIS TO THE FRANCO-BELGIAN INTERVENTION IN SHABA AND THE POLICY RETHINKING THIS HAS FORCED UPON THE NIGERIANS. HIS INTERPRETATION FITS IN WITH OTHER EVIDENCE OF THIS NATURE WHICH WAS REPORTED IN LAGOS 6853.
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